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'The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.'

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War Predictions

No predictions about the ending of the war are infallible, says The Foreign Letter. And official predictions are subject to peculiar miscalculations; for official strategy must deliberately underestimate the political factors that will hasten the defeat of the enemy and assume that hard military factors alone will prevail. This explains Churchill's prediction that there will be another full year of war in Europe. He has to assume that even the establishment of more and more important beachheads will engage only some portions of the German army, and that the 300 German divisions will fight it out until the last bastion of Nazi Germany has been taken. But it is unlikely that the war will end according to plan, and therefore Churchill's time table must be considered an improbable possibility.

Efforts of German leaders to gain some sort of a negotiated peace will become more intense during the next few weeks in anticipation of an acute crisis in Germany. Some Nazi leaders pay particular attention to reactions in the United States, hoping that an election year will somehow make it possible for them to hold out until the end of the year, and that war weariness will make us relax our terms. The war is now in a stage, however, where the force of events can not be deliberately held back.

In Germany, the old pro-Russian group still believes it may be able to come to a provisional or unofficial understanding with Russia after the German armies have withdrawn to the 1939 boundary line. The Russian offensive would then stop and Russia would concentrate her armed forces in the South rather than in the North, thus increasing her political weight in the Balkans and her pressure on Turkey. These German circles favor a Finnish-Russian agreement that would prevent Finland from becoming a base for the invasion of Germany.

The other school of thought believes that the Western powers will want to avoid the complete collapse of the German state because of its political and social implications.

It is significant that neither faction in Germany can hope to gain its ends without removing Hitler. Either faction, in short, can avoid one crisis only by creating another. What we expect is that, in the final stages of the war, official time tables will be quickly out-moded.

Colds As A Challenge

A strong note of caution characterizes the report recently made in the Lancet, British medical journal, of tests of patulin, a cousin, so to speak of penicillin, as a remedy for the common cold. A summary of the Lancet article, in Nature, does not disclose the number of British naval personnel who submitted to tests conducted by Commander W. A. Hopkins. It is possible that the limited extent of the tests dictated part of the caution. Part of it flows from the actual results. Of those with common colds who submitted to medication with patulin, 57 per cent recovered completely within forty-eight hours, whereas only 9 per cent of those who received no treatment recovered in the same period. A considerable number showed complete recovery within twenty-four hours after taking patulin as a spray or gargle in a water solution. Five persons suffering with influenza received the same treatment with patulin with no effect whatsoever on the course of the disease. In some cases severe sinus trouble followed the apparent cure of a cold.

The best informed layman will agree with Commander Hopkins's observation that too little is known about the cause of the common cold. For that reason and for others, the man who conducted the tests is persuaded that further extended trials are necessary before definite claims can be made for patulin. The writer in Nature says that public interest in a cure for the common cold is so keen that caution in discussing possible cures is fully warranted. Any sufferer from a common cold should be treated at the advice of his friends who easily find it established in a cure that is no cure.

Seed Potato Order

What the Vancouver Province describes as "one of the silliest orders to come out of Ottawa since Ottawa became the fountain of orders" concerns a commodity of great importance to this Island—namely, seed potatoes. The order in question stipulates that dealers must not break up packages of certified seed potatoes. The potatoes come in 100-pound sacks because it is convenient for the producer to put them up that way, and, because of the order, the purchaser must buy them in 100-pound lots or not get them at all.

"Potatoes," notes our Vancouver contemporary, "are among the most important products of Victory gardens. But no Victory gardener can handle 100 pounds of seed potatoes or anything like it. The government is interested, and properly so, in encouraging Victory gardeners because of the great volume of foodstuffs these gardeners produce. But its order about seed potatoes can only have the effect of discouraging the thing the government wishes to encourage."

"Not only is the order silly; it is futile. It was designed, apparently, to encourage the planting of high-class seed by providing the purchaser with a practical guarantee that when he paid for certified seed he would get certified seed. The net effect of the order will be that little or no certified seed will be planted.

Instead, the Victory gardener will buy commercial potatoes, split them up and put them in the ground. And the seed, in its 100-pound lots will be left on the dealers' hands."

A Sad Story

Nothing could be worse in the line of regimentation, says an exchange, than the Dominion Government's handling of the meat situation. It has been evident since early winter that Canada's problem was to market its meat, not to force it to accumulate by continuing to ration its consumption and restrict its sale. About a month ago one Minister suggested in the House of Commons that meatless Tuesdays might be discontinued, only to be contradicted the next day by another Minister who said no early modification of meat rationing need be expected. A week ago meat rationing was suddenly discontinued, as from only a few hours from the time of the official announcement. Cattle raisers are now faced with a serious financial loss because, not having been officially advised of the real situation at a reasonable time, they built up supplies on a large scale from which there is now only a partial outlet. At the same time Canadian retailers and consumers have been obstructed and huddled by meat rationing regulations, the abandonment of which at least a month ago was dictated by common sense. The meat story is a sad one from the first page to the last chapter.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Town Clerk of Sackville, N.B., has resigned to accept another position, and a number of the Town Councillors are considering the appointment of a town manager to succeed him.

School boys working as soapbox cabbies between a railway station and a big R.A.F. training centre near Liverpool, England, have cleared \$4,500 in the two years they have been organized. The firm bears the dignified name of "United Nations Transport Service" and the profits are turned into war savings or clothes.

"More money for education" is not a vote-catching cry, evident. The people are not pushing the Government to improve the education of the farmer's lot is much discussed, and many plans suggested. Not as yet, however, has the Government taken any steps to do so. To that end co-operatives are being organized, and a central Federation of Farmers is being formed. It has no political functions and no such intention, and we sincerely hope that it will be able to do so easily such an organization could step into a political power and come to the fore.

Legislation has been prepared in New South Wales to ban horror films from Saturday afternoon matinees for children. It is proposed to classify films into four categories, and it will be permissible to show at matinees only those films which are passed as suitable for children. Printed matter relating to films will be censored and objectionable features will be eliminated from advertising. A research bureau is to be established to record the effect of films on children.

Although British tailors can now adorn trousers with cuffs, use the pre-war number of pockets in coats and even make double-breasted jackets, they are not enthusiastic over the lifting of the austerity ban. Orders are piling up and while cutters are still available, there are very few workers left to complete the garments. Many customers will have to wait several months for their new old-time style suits.

Payment of a federal bonus on wool, effective for the 1943 clip, has been extended to 1944 under an Order-in-Council. The bonus, payable to encourage production of high-quality wool, is paid the provinces co-operating with the Dominion in enlarging output and will not exceed one-half of the outlays incurred by the provinces in the assistance given by them. The Dominion share in no case will exceed two cents a pound, and a sum not exceeding 160,000 will be allotted for the purpose.

The Prices Board announces the suspension of subsidy payments on dressed beef shipped after March 18 from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to Zones 1 to 6, which comprise the Maritimes, Quebec and all of Ontario except the northern belt. The board said that under the subsidy arrangement the Prices Stability Corporation reimbursed shippers to the extent that transportation charges per pound exceeded the difference between the maximum beef price in the zone of destination and the maximum price in the zone of shipment.

Field Marshal Lord Plumer of Messines, born this date, 1857; served in the Sudan and South African wars earning great distinction; the Great War greatly increased his reputation he being entrusted with various high commands; was appointed commander of the Army of the Rhine after the Armistice in 1918, and later promoted Governor of Malta and raised, to the rank of Field Marshal; for his services he was awarded the G.C.M.G., and G.C.B., created a baron, and received a grant of \$150,000.

Referring to the new butter rations, 'L'Action Catholique' says: "Is this not a very light sacrifice? No doubt it is. Just the same, it is no less true that a considerable decrease in production might have been anticipated in the months of January, February and March, and that butter stocks in the warehouses might have been laid aside in a quantity equivalent to that which Canadians have to do without between now and Spring. It must not be forgotten that butter rationing is already severe enough, and that it does not allow households to prepare quite a number of dishes. When rationing is necessary, and done for the common welfare, far from being opposed to it, we give it our approval; when shortsighted policies or great extravagance aggravates an evil already serious enough, in any case an anomaly in the economic organization of the country, we are of the view that it is a good thing to submit the matter to public opinion so as to put into practice a little more of the human virtue of prudence."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of the various subjects of the day. The editor reserves the right to accept or reject any article, and to abridge or rearrange the order of contributions.

THE TUNNELL

Sir.—Our Island members seem very anxious to have a Tunnell. They are great men at proposing things that they know they will never get. Why did they not wake out of their slumber in peace time? They could have been the Dominion Government to build a 60 million dollar tunnel in the first of a war such as is going on now, and not knowing when it will end. If we had suitable docks for our own ferry, we could get one of the best boats that could be built. Our Government Members should get together with our Island Boards of Trade from Summerside and Charlottetown, and get a pier built with the least possible delay. It would not cost within the limits of either tunnel or causeway. This would be doing something for our people, and it would be done in a reasonable time, they built up supplies on a large scale from which there is now only a partial outlet. At the same time Canadian retailers and consumers have been obstructed and huddled by meat rationing regulations, the abandonment of which at least a month ago was dictated by common sense. The meat story is a sad one from the first page to the last chapter.

We could have a car ferry that would carry most of our traffic with humility of its attainments. It is not the scholar who finds himself in a predicament of his own omniscience. To be conscious of one's own ignorance is the first step to wisdom. Paradoxically, as knowledge grows this consciousness is both assuaged and deepened. So the true saint is always distinguished by his humility, and by a self-reliance which has its roots in reliance upon God. The humility of the Christian is not a real advance to spiritual maturity. Whatever the Christian believes he owes to his neighbor both expresses and creates a sense of dependence upon God; the worshipper comes into the presence of his creator, the all-holy, the majestic, the infinity of love. By the humility of his own weakness and self-centredness and pride, he is able to realize that it is by con- viction with God that the soul be- comes both humble and confident; not self-confident but confident in him and in the accessibility of his grace.

I am, Sir etc. TRAVELLER

OUR EDUCATION PROBLEM

"More money for education" is not a vote-catching cry, evident. The people are not pushing the Government to improve the education of the farmer's lot is much discussed, and many plans suggested. Not as yet, however, has the Government taken any steps to do so. To that end co-operatives are being organized, and a central Federation of Farmers is being formed. It has no political functions and no such intention, and we sincerely hope that it will be able to do so easily such an organization could step into a political power and come to the fore.

Everybody seems to be pretty well satisfied with the present state of affairs. Members get up in the House and tell us we are doing not too badly, but we are doing as well as any of the other provinces. I think that the Government would do well to consider the education of young people, where a tall, fine looking boy of fifteen years is sent to school, he is not only a waste of money, but he is a waste of the State's resources. He is not only a waste of money, but he is a waste of the State's resources. He is not only a waste of money, but he is a waste of the State's resources.

There is no defect in our system that can be remedied, we are all the essentials of a forward looking, worthy people. We need money, which can be produced, and an ideal and a will to put our ideals to work, why not?

I am, Sir etc. W. I. GREEN, Dundas March 9, 1944.

RE. C.C.F.

Sir.—In answer to a suggestion that, when the C.C.F. attains power, it will permit farmers to sell their lands to whomever they wish, Mr. Joffe is reported to have said at a recent meeting of the North York C.C.F. association: "This story is absolutely false, and no such thing has ever appeared in C.C.F. policy. You will just have to get used to the fact that the enemies of the C.C.F. are not telling the truth about the C.C.F. If you want to get the facts about the program of the United Nations, it is up to you to listen to its platform and to get facts about the C.C.F. It is no use listening to the mouths of big business."

Mr. Joffe will admit he is not a mouthpiece of big business. He is the leader of the C.C.F. in the Ontario Legislature. Let me present to him the following and request him to kindly give an answer. This is surely not listening to Berlin. It is proposed by the C.C.F. to take over most of the large industries of Canada, but not to interfere with the farming industry which, incidentally, is the basic and largest industry in Canada. How could the manpower question be solved? It is obvious that capital would be required so a government commission which

Lenten Meditations

From The London Times

HUMILITY

Humility, like patience, is often thought of as a negative virtue. But this is due mainly to a misunderstanding of the true nature of such qualities of character, and of the extreme difficulty of achieving them. Although it is sometimes described as a kind of grovelling self-deprecation—which is an indication of spiritual morbidity—it is normally one of the most beautiful and fruitful of the Christian graces. The tendency in religious thinking to disparage all human effort, while seeming to arise out of humility, is in fact a distortion of it. The truly humble man desires to see himself as he really is, and to see his fellow-men as they really are. He does not see himself as a creature of God, but as a creature of God and man. He does not see himself as a creature of God, but as a creature of God and man. He does not see himself as a creature of God, but as a creature of God and man.

When the Christian meditates on Christ, the first outcome of his meditation is to believe in his humility. In the searching light which comes from Christ his own inadequacies in God's power and grace are made plain. He will realize how far short he has come of the "glory of God" which is the perfection of his life. He will realize how far short he has come of the "glory of God" which is the perfection of his life. He will realize how far short he has come of the "glory of God" which is the perfection of his life.

make a success of all the industries including farming. The Government could do this for anyone. (Mr. Joffe says "no such plan has ever been suggested in C.C.F. policy.") It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business. It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business. It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business.

Ownership of the Country's natural resources would transfer yet another source of wealth to the farmer. Farming is the only industry that is not controlled by the C.C.F. It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business. It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business.

Note the words "there is no suggestion of wholesale expropriation of land from private owners." It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business. It is not a matter of money, but of the property of one totally incapable of managing the affairs of a large business.

Mr. Joffe had answered the question raised at this meeting a long time ago. He is not a mouthpiece of big business. He is the leader of the C.C.F. in the Ontario Legislature. Let me present to him the following and request him to kindly give an answer. This is surely not listening to Berlin.

I am, Sir etc. M. J. KENNY (Formerly of the Judge, Judicial District of Thunder Bay, Ont) March 3, 1944.

REPLY TO HON. HORACE WRIGHT

Sir.—In Public Forum in your paper Hon. Horace Wright asks the C.C.F. to explain the inequitable distribution of wealth in Canada. Who is to blame for this? Has not either one of the two old parties been in power since Confederation, and the situation of the farmer has gone from bad to worse? It is the purpose of the C.C.F. to correct this situation. Mr. Wright would lead us to believe that it is the high wages of the industrial workers that cause the depression, and yet further on in his letter he says he would not lower the wages of the workers. He would not lower the wages of the workers. He would not lower the wages of the workers.

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